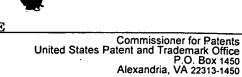


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This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed April 1, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a proper and timely manner to the restriction requirement mailed December 6, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on January 7, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 17, 2003.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The file is now being forwarded to Technology Center 3600 for further examination on the merits.

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